

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 and 6 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method ~~of~~ for providing access to a consumer device (101), comprising the acts of:

allowing a user to obtain information with respect to at least one of a plurality of content providers (107, 108, 109) and to select a content provider (107, 108, 109) from said plurality of content providers (107, 108, 109), said information is obtained by selecting a set of representations (202-207), of offerings by wherein each representation provides information corresponding to at least one of the plurality of content providers (107, 108, 109),

receiving a selection (203) of a content provider from ~~the set~~ among the plurality of content providers (107, 108, 109), and

providing the selected content provider access to the consumer device (101).

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing registration information on the user to the selected content provider for facilitating a subscription for the user to the selected content provider.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, whereby providing access comprises receiving a transmission from the selected content provider and intended for the consumer device (101), and retransmitting the transmission to the consumer device (101).

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, whereby providing access further comprises transcoding the transmission to a format suitable for the consumer device (101).

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a referral fee from the selected content provider after arranging the access to the consumer device (101).

6. (Currently Amended) An arrangement between a gateway system and a consumer device for providing a user-selected content provider access to ~~[[a]]~~ the consumer device (101), whereby the consumer device (101) comprises input means (103, 104) for allowing a user to obtain information with respect to at least one of a plurality of content providers (107, 108, 109) and to select a content provider (107, 108, 109) from said plurality of content providers (107, 108, 109), said information is obtained by selecting a set of representations (202-207), of offerings by wherein each representation provides information corresponding to at least one of the plurality of content providers (107, 108, 109), and selection means (211) for submitting a selection (203) indicating the user-selected of a content provider from the set among the plurality of content providers (107, 108, 109) to [[a]] the gateway system (106) ~~connected to~~ in communication with the consumer device (101), the gateway system (106) comprising selection reception means (340) for receiving ~~[[a]]~~ the selection (203) of a indicating the user-selected content provider from the selection means (211), and access means (331, 337, 338, 339) for providing the user-selected content provider access to the consumer device (101).

7. (Canceled) A gateway system (106) for use in the arrangement of claim 6, comprising selection reception means (340) for receiving a selection (203) of a content provider from the a consumer device (101), and access means (331, 337, 338, 339) for providing the selected content provider access to the consumer device (101).

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~gateway system (106)~~ arrangement of claim [[7]] 6, whereby the access means (331, 337, 338, 339) are arranged for receiving a transmission from the user-selected content provider and intended for the consumer device (101) and retransmitting the transmission to the consumer device (101).

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~gateway system (106)~~ arrangement of claim 8, whereby the access means (331, 337, 338, 339) are further arranged for transcoding the transmission to a format suitable for the consumer device (101).

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~gateway system (106)~~ arrangement of claim 7, further comprising registration means (310) for providing registration information on the user to the user-selected content provider.

11. (Currently Amended) A consumer device (101) ~~for use in the arrangement of claim 6,~~ comprising input means (103, 104) for allowing a user to obtain information with respect to at least one of a plurality of content providers (107, 108, 109) and to select a content provider (107, 108, 109) from said plurality of content providers (107, 108, 109), said information is obtained by selecting a set of representations (202-207), of

~~offerings by~~ wherein each representation provides information corresponding to at least one of the plurality of content providers (107, 108, 109), and selection means (211) for submitting a selection (203) indicating the user-selected ~~of a content provider from the set among the plurality of content providers (107, 108, 109) to a gateway system (106) connected to~~ in communication with the consumer device (101).

12. (Currently Amended) The consumer device (101) of claim 11, further comprising display means (201) for presenting the ~~set of~~ representations (202-207) to the user.